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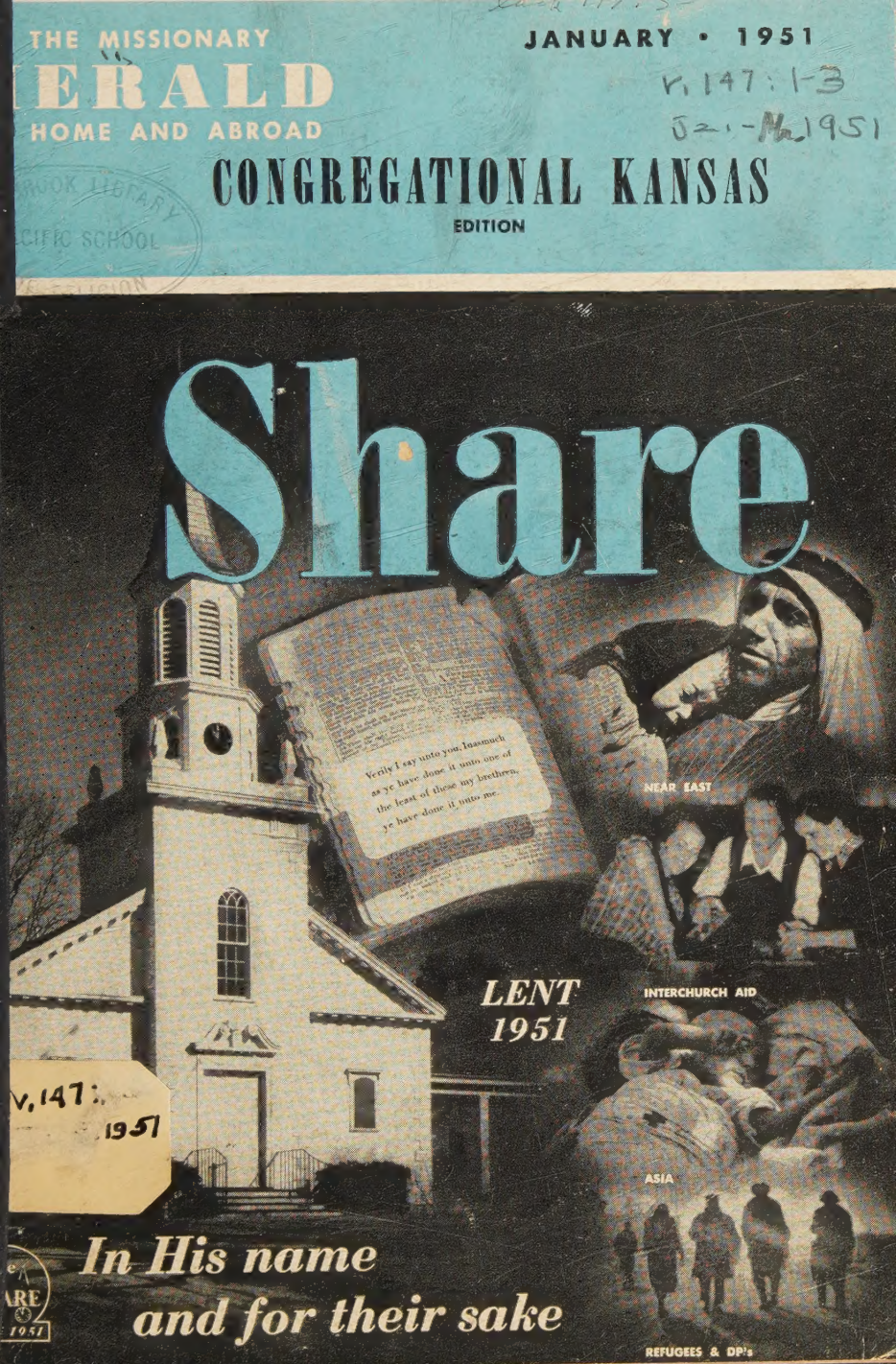
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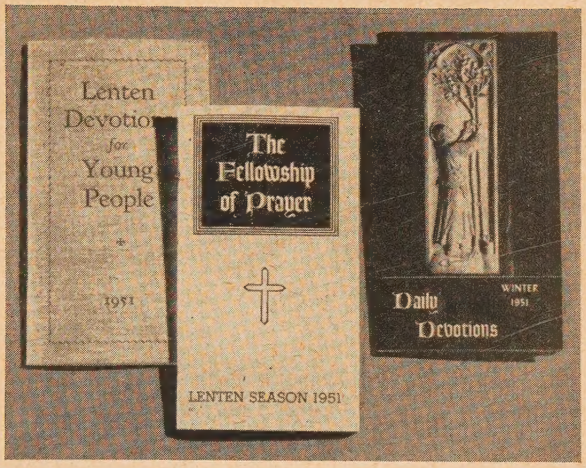

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An Anniversary

IN THE

NEAR EAST

ANDREW VANCE McCRACKEN

Nineteen hundred years ago in that area of the world known today as the Near East, a small, partially crippled man boarded a ship.

He was on a mission, travelling in response to a call.

It was evening as the ship pulled away from shore. The man gazed out over the water while darkness fell. Behind lay Asia. Macedonia was ahead.

This man was Paul, the Apostle. The year is estimated to have been 51 A.D. When sometime later the ship docked in a Grecian port, Paul limped ashore. The gospel for the first time had reached Europe.

That journey, in all its historic meaning, is being commemorated this year, 1951, throughout the churches of Greece, whether Orthodox, Evangelical or Protestant. But it holds a prime significance for all Christians.

In the first place, from that first of Paul's missionary journeys, Christianity spread to the West. It came to challenge, then to warn and finally to promise a new life to those who should hear the challenge, heed the warning and accept the redemptive love which was made available by Christ Jesus.

And although Christianity came to the West as the good news 1900 years ago, and has been proclaimed as the evangel continually ever since, nothing that has happened in all the ensuing centuries has deprived this gospel of its pristine novelty. It is still the good news of God through Jesus Christ, presented for man's redemption.

In the second place, around the Near East a war of ideas and ideals is being waged today — as when the Sumerians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians and the Persians created their capitals of empire. Today the power drives of ambitious men threaten the peace and security of the Near East — and the entire world. The attention of the whole world, therefore, is focused on the Near East.

In the third place, for Congregational Christians this anniversary of Paul's arrival in Greece should have special significance. While the political and economic importance of the Near East was still largely discounted by statesmen and business groups, our American Board for Foreign Missions thought the people important enough to warrant the largest possible investment of funds, of personnel and of organizational skill.

Today the area in which Paul carried on his mission is now served solely by our American Board for Foreign Missions. We alone work in Turkey. And we alone work in Greece.

Our mission has produced results. "The United States," said the astute Sumner Welles, "has greater influence in this area than is generally recognized. For a long time past the activities of American missions have met with singular success. They have been the source of liberal culture where many thousands now active in public life have found the inspiration they sought. For this reason, the relations between this area and the United States have a solid character."

It has been suggested, therefore, to our American Board for Foreign Missions that in this anniversary year, 1951, the Congregational Christians of the United States should do something particularly significant and unique in behalf of several specific undertakings of the American Board in the Near East — and elsewhere — as a memorial to Paul's pioneering work.

For *Our Christian World Mission* is an outgrowth — a continuation — of Paul's mission. Therefore, during this anniversary year, we Congregational Christians would do well to rededicate ourselves to *Our Christian World Mission* in memory of the Apostle Paul.

The school in Tarsus, Paul's original home, for example, which is presently authorized to raise a sizeable fund for a desperately needed new building, would benefit from such an effort — as would all of our interests in the Near East.

But the officers of our American Board for Foreign Missions feel that this anniversary proposal should be more inclusive than are the several specific Near East projects that might be undertaken, one by one. It is, indeed, a conception which might creatively permeate all of our denominational missionary activities during this coming year.

Here, then, in this anniversary emphasis, is a way of recommitting ourselves outright to a ministry whose basic charter and sanction are to be found in the life and spirit of the Apostle Paul.

View of Mars Hill in Athens, where the Apostle Paul is reported to have spoken to Athenians.

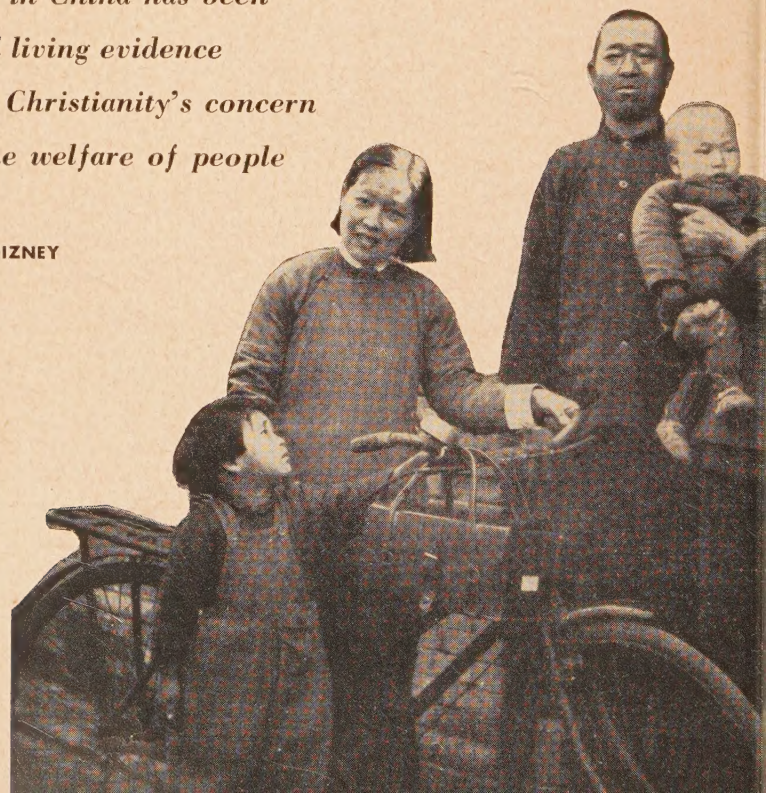
NURSES ON BICYCLES

Our public health program in China has been a vital living evidence of Christianity's concern for the welfare of people

HELEN DIZNEY

THE American Board for Foreign Missions sent me back to China on a definite assignment late in 1946 to set up and direct a public health service in our North China field. This I have done. And it will continue, even though I am headed toward India for a term of nursing there.

The work in China is now directed by our American Board missionary, Edith J. Galt. There is a staff of nurses, the senior of whom is Mrs. Li, a capable and fine person. She is the joy of my life.



We are a staff of nurses on bicycles. These and the little black bag are our routine equipment. Our five nurses are stationed at strategic points throughout the North China field: Tungsien, near Peking, which is our headquarters; Tientsin, Hopei District; Tientsin, Hsiku District; Taiku and Fenyang in Shansi.

Work in North China

When I was in North China I visited the nurses as often as I could, until I was restricted by new government orders and could not reach Shansi. My job was to train the nurses for their service, and once they were trained, to counsel with them and offer whatever help I could.

These nurses are first-rate people. The two Shansi nurses are presently on their way to getting the P.H.N. degree. If ever the Communists take them over, they will be among the best public health nurses the Communists will have.

More than half our work in China has been carried on in the schools, where, believe it or not, from 60 to 75 per cent of the school children have trachoma, a contagious eye disease that, untreated, may result in blindness. The number of students with vitamin deficiencies is terrific, also; we never have enough cod-liver oil and yeast to meet the situation. Physical examinations, correction of defects, epidemic control, and daily work in the school health rooms are our weapons in this aspect of our program.

Extensive Health Program

We gave more than 11,000 treatments in school health rooms every year; and we estimated that in one year we five nurses gave 4076 individual health talks. The figures for this school work are, I think, amazing: 24,072 trachoma treatments, for example, in a single year. And in one year we gave 20,000 vaccinations and immunizations when part of our area was threatened with pneumonic plague.

Mrs. Li, oldest of our nurses on bicycles, is shown with her little black bag and friends.

Effect of New Government

Following "liberation," the most drastic change in government that China has known in modern times, community health work was to some extent restricted. We concentrated in Tientsin on work with families of children enrolled in our American Board nursery school. In the Taiku area we spread outside into a large rural area.

We carried on this work through health meetings, home visits, epidemic control clinics, child health conferences, and adult health education classes. If there were space I could tell of the results of one of those adult classes in Taiku, where fifteen men and women studied together for three weeks. They returned to their homes

Our missionary, Helen Dizney *(center, above)* supervises nurses with school health program.

in a most encouraging way to improve their family health habits and to share their new knowledge with their neighbors. It is enough to say that there were results, and that these were good.

TB Care

The health service is producing a lot of simple plays, songs and posters for all age groups and all environments. Our best play is, I think, one that deals with the care of TB in the home. We have used it again and again both in rural and in city areas. We have found, by the way, that there is as much TB in the country districts of China as in the cities, and this is a terribly discouraging discovery. I think there is more TB in China now than in 1945.

Public health work must overcome much superstition in China. But it is succeeding. Many years ago one of our Chinese Christian nurses went to speak in a village school on how to prevent smallpox. Though on most occasions an effective speaker, the nurse was unable in this village to persuade the parents that their children should be vaccinated. Instead, they would offer their prayers at the local temple, and make certain the children wore the right signet cloth on their clothes. Only the school teacher, who was a Christian, was willing to be vaccinated and to have his children vaccinated. Plague came one day to this village. The Christian family was untouched. The villagers sought the teacher out and asked if he could get the nurse to come again. This time the people were ready to

listen and to learn. Since then modern medical ideas have been welcomed in the village. Germs have taken the place of evil spirits in the locally accepted ideology. The tragedy of smallpox will never sweep that community again.

There is much to tell: about Edith J. Galt and Isabel Hemingway and their six-months' midwifery course at Tunghsien, and about the increased demand for our posters and health materials (the nutrition series of three posters, and the fly posters, are among those for which we find the most demand), and many other things. I know you wonder about the effectiveness of only five nurses in our very large area. Naturally, we can't change North China's health by working alone. Even the new government will not be able to do so, unfortunately, although it is doing an extensive and valuable work to that end.

But we do count in the homes we touch, like the one in Tientsin where our nurse, on a routine call at the home of a nursery school child, found the father mentally ill and the mother and children trembling with fear. The nurse was able to take the father out of the home until he was cured, to aid the mother and children in their time of loneliness, and finally to accomplish with the help of others in our American Board group the spiritual rehabilitation of the entire family.

Edith Galt, another of our missionaries in China, gives helpful advice on child care.

Cost of Program

You are possibly wondering what this program has cost. We have managed to conduct the program of public health on $2500 a year from a special source beyond the regular budget of the American Board for Foreign Missions. That amount pays the salaries of the five nurses, buys medicines, pays for printing and equipment — and everything else. We charge no fees, for ours is Christian love in action, as nearly perfect as we can make it. I think the five nurses and I can make a dollar go farther than George Washington ever dreamed.

There is no question in my mind about the future of Christianity and the church in China. Our American Board work has been productive. The gospel in action, the silent witness of our Christian concern, has won the hearts of the villagers and city dwellers whom we have known. The church will live because the Christians are earnest, and because the church's leaders are some of the finest people in China. All our work has contributed to winning them, training them, and strengthening them in the Christian way of life. The public health program is a vital living evidence of Christianity's concern for the welfare of people.

Miss Dizney has had a distinguished career as a Congregational Christian missionary in China, and has served for the past several years as director of our public health service program in the North China field. Illustrations by courtesy of our American Board for Foreign Missions.

A new church IS DEDICATED in Micronesia

ELEANOR WILSON

"All aboard for Ronlap." There were the *Morning Star* sailors; the Rev. Ned, president of the association of Marshall Island churches; the Rev. Lemman, pastor at Ronlap for nine years previous to last year; and your missionary. We were off to dedicate the new church building at Ronlap and to take part in the celebration.

There was only one disturbing thought: What if we should land at Bikini instead of at Ronlap? Bikini is only about sixty miles from Ronlap and it is "out of bounds" to all vessels. Fears were dispelled, however, when we sighted land and from the top of the rigging came a reassuring voice. We knew then that we had come to the right place.

As we sailed across the lagoon toward the island, a pet bird that was sent out to greet us perched on the end of the lower boom of the mainsail. It was all black except for its beak and webfeet which were a greenish yellow.

As we reached our anchorage a boat came out flying a white flag. Some twenty-five people were singing the *Morning Star* hymn and a song of welcome. Men, women, and children swarmed on the *Star* with cocoanuts for us to drink. After much handshaking we were told that everyone was to go ashore.

The rest of the people were waiting on shore and, amid loud singing, we were marched to the parsonage. Nearby, a long table had been set up with a native-style roof over it so that we could eat there, rain or shine. Three times a day we sat at that table and were feasted, although Ronlap is one of the poorest of the Marshall Islands as far as native food is concerned. The people eat for the most part "beru" (arrow-root-pandanus cake), fish and cocoanuts, and this is what they served to begin with.

But the people had made great preparations for this special occasion, and we were not expected to eat only beru. Six times out of eight we had chicken and five of these times a whole chicken was placed in front of me! The one exception was when the chicken was cooked in Japanese style — a stew with "oshoyu." Once we had corned beef and once we had fish. We had bread at each meal and great was my surprise when they brought out some canned date-nut roll.

The last morning we were treated with coffee and doughnuts which the whole village sat up to make. Each person was given three doughnuts which were about three times the size of those in the U.S.A. I was favored

oto, *left*, Eleanor Wilson (wearing the dark es), missionary to the Marshall and Caroline is greeted by some of the Island people.

Developing national leaders is a major missionary goal. Above, pastors with Eleanor Wilson.

by having sugar sprinkled over mine and I assure you I appreciated it; for their doughnuts are made of flour and sap from the top of the cocoanut tree — no sugar, nor eggs, nor flavoring! Each meal was a time of song and laughter.

A fine new church had been built, and we assembled there on Saturday morning for the dedication service. Immediately following was the serious jubilee service. I brought greetings from the American and Hawaiian Boards and greetings were sent to them. Three-fifths of the people are members of the church and I challenged them to strive for a 100 per cent increase in membership for 1952 for the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Micronesia Mission.

After dinner the fun began. We were seated outside the parsonage and soon up came the boat which brought the first missionary to Ronlap. A fierce-looking brown man in a grass skirt dashed toward the boat with a wooden spear such as they once used to kill people, and another man dressed in a grass skirt came running and yelling. Soon after the missionary arrived, the spear, the grass skirt and the native drum — which a man had been pounding — were thrown in a heap; no more need for them.

A Reminiscence

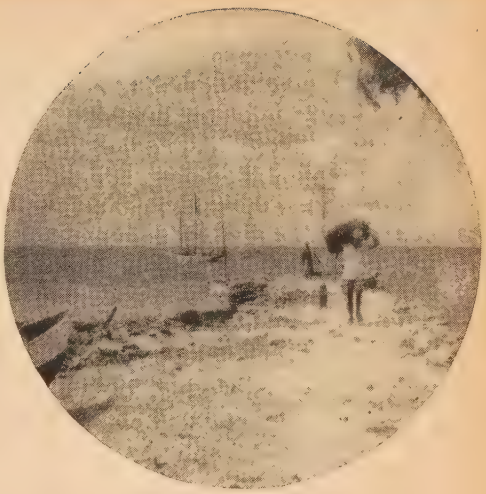
We listened then to some very ancient songs, the meaning of which was explained by a man before each song was sung. They were all about navigation and one could sense the feeling of anxiety on the part of the people long ago when they depended upon birds and fish to indicate their location. A certain bird high in the air meant that you were far to the west of Ebon, and so it went in great detail, a reminiscence of days gone by.

After these songs came the giving of gifts: three dollars to each of the

sailors on the *Morning Star*; thirty-one dollars to me (I turned it over toward the expenses of the *Star*); and much handicraft to both the sailors and myself. God had given them the greatest gift of all and in thankfulness they brought their "things of love" as they sang:

Not my own, oh, not my own
All the things which would have been mine
Will be Thine through eternity.

On Monday morning the *Star* presented the people of Ronlap with a bag of flour as an expression of appreciation and half an hour later the people of Ronlap presented the *Star* with a bag of rice. Then everyone assembled on the shore for prayer before we were carried back to the *Star*. The jubilee celebration was over; the new church building had been dedicated; and as we sailed away, the crowd on the little boat sang, "God be with you till we meet again."



The *Morning Star*, at anchor in the background, carried Eleanor Wilson to Ronlap.

Miss Wilson is the well-known Congregational Christian missionary to the Marshall and Caroline Islands. Illustrations by courtesy of our American Board for Foreign Missions.

Three-fifths of the people on Ronlap are members of the church which Miss Wilson dedicated.

R. NORRIS WILSON

Time to SHARE

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The Lenten season this year has been appointed as *A Great Time for Sharing*. The Protestant churches in the United States are being asked to gather offerings during this period for the ministries of relief and reconstruction. Our Congregational Christian churches are participating with our fellow Christians in this very crucial enterprise for which our plans are as follows:

First Sunday in Lent

While each church will have liberty to choose the Sunday in Lent when its offering will be brought, we strongly urge that as many churches as possible take the offerings on February 11 — the first Sunday in Lent. We urge this for two reasons: (1) The proceeds from these offerings are needed immediately; and (2) the radio and newspaper publicity sponsored jointly by the participating denominations will be concentrated in the week beginning Sunday, February 4 to February 11, and while it will extend through the Lenten period, the time of greatest emphasis will be in this first week.

It is not possible at this writing to give final announcements in regard to the radio program. However, it is possible to say in general what the program will be.

Protestant Radio Commision Sunday, February 4, 1951. This Sunday will be filled with spot announcements both on networks and local stations. The Protestant Radio Commission will also arrange for certain special events during the day. During the course of the week the spot announcements will be continued.

Friday Night, February 9. The Protestant Radio Commission is arranging for a round-the-world report on relief, reconstruction and refugees made by a team of two or three (including possibly a reporter of one of the big circulation magazines) which will have just returned from an on-the-spot survey. This will be a network show on NBC.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, representing the Department of Church World Service and the World Council of Churches, will be the churchman on the trip, and Albert Crews, director of production for the Protestant Radio Commission, the technician. Press and magazine, as well as radio and TV coverage, is expected from this event.

Saturday Night, February 10. Interview of Dr. Fry and Mr. Crews on network program.

Sunday, February 11. Dr. Fry on National Vespers. TV programs planned for this Sunday include "Lamp Unto My Feet" and a possible interview on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's show.

The Missions Council as soon as details are firm and final will inform the churches as to the radio schedule. You will note from the above tentative arrangements that network programs are contemplated and that the timing of these broadcasts will be, so far as possible, on a nationwide basis.

Special envelopes, posters and literature have been provided and are available from the Missions Council. A filmstrip on relief needs, especially prepared for the purpose, will be available on January 15, to help the churches make their appeals.

The needs to which these monies will go are in many cases the needs that have been continually present since World War II, as well as the needs growing out of the present emergency situation. And while all of them cannot be cited here, the following are some of the more pressing:

In Korea, most recently blighted by war, the needs of the people for

medicine and clothing as well as food are being met through a Church World Service team now on the field with resources ready at hand. But these supplies need to be replenished on a vastly larger scale and we must share in this.

In Lebanon, where our Congregational Christian Service Committee is carrying on a program involving expenditure of $1800 a month.

In Europe the displaced persons still to be emigrated to this country are a part of our responsibility through the Service Committee and Church World Service. It is expected that more than 30,000 DP's will be resettled under Protestant auspices between now and November, 1951. In Europe, also, the refugee problem continues to be the heaviest burden on the relief resources of the World Council and our part in this is a very important one. We are at work in the refugee camps conducting religious ministries among these lost peoples, and through the World Council we are also performing for them such other ministries of relief as our resources will allow.

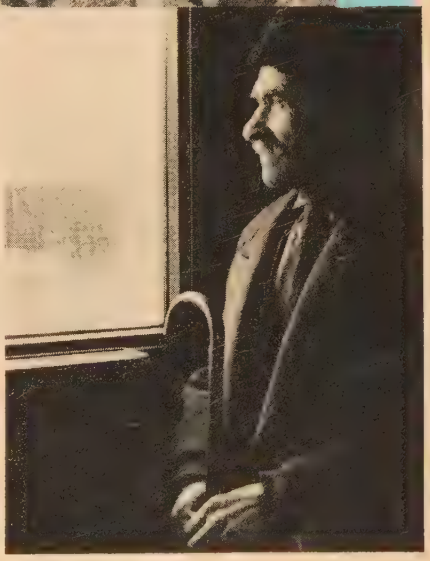
In the United States there are also needs to be met through *One Great Time for Sharing.* In military posts where our men are in training, religious ministries are being provided with the help of the Conferences and the Board of Home Missions and money is needed to help in this en-

War-torn Korea is in desperate need of food, medicine and clothing. Congregational Christian churches have been serving these needs since September through Church World Service.

Displaced persons create pressing problem in the Holy Land. Our Service Committee has been carrying on extensive program there.

terprise. Also the Commission on the Ministry is providing necessary materials for the chaplains in their ministry to the forces both here and overseas.

In X-land. Last year at this time Korea was X-land. Nobody knew that she would be blighted by war. And because of this, our ability to serve her people in the hour of their need was painfully inadequate. Nobody knows now where the next X-land is to be. In our kind of a world it may be Turkey or Iran. It may be Japan



or the Philippines. It may be France or Finland. And we ought in our kind of a world to be ready when the people of X-land call for our help.

These chiefly are the needs which are facing us and the means which we have devised to meet them. We have now to respond in the most generous, the most deeply Christian way.

Is Your Church Adequately Insured?

WILLIAM K. NEWMAN

Is your church building and are the contents of the building adequately insured against loss by fire?

Many churches formed a habit of insuring for a certain amount a number of years ago and have failed to increase their insurance as building costs have mounted. Because of the steady rise of building costs, it is very rare for a church which has been destroyed by fire to realize enough insurance to rebuild with anything approaching adequacy. If the church is under-insured, it is often impossible for the members to raise enough additional funds to replace the former structure, and heavy indebtedness is sometimes necessary.

Because of the increase in building costs and the tremendous number of new church buildings needed in the United States, the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions is unable to care for more than a small proportion of the needs of the churches which apply for assistance and can help only when the local church has done everything it can to raise funds for itself.

There is a real question whether under these circumstances denominational funds should be used where the members have not been sufficiently interested to keep their churches adequately insured.

It is important also to carry extended coverage insurance to protect against loss by windstorm and other calamities. In some cases boiler insurance is also advisable.

Mr. Newman is the secretary of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions.

Causes of Church Fires

Heating plants and defective chimneys	44%
Defective electric wiring, including organ	16%
Lightning	9%
Fire from a neighboring building	6%
Smoking and matches	5%
Repair and repainting hazards	4%
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Incense charcoal	2%
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Decorations	1%
Miscellaneous	8%

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A mind filled with wonder the future to face
With life's joys and sorrows each in its place.

A little wee heart filled with love and to spare
And two big eyes with eternity there,
With a great big question, that you can see,
"What are you going to do with me?"

"The coming of a little child into one's home is a blessing never forgotten. For months you have looked forward to this. Now that your child is here it says to you, 'Here I am, what are you going to do with me?'

"Every day brings some new development . . . The early training of your child is important. Child specialists are convinced that the earliest years of childhood will greatly influence the future course of a person's life. It is imperative that you surround your child with only the best of influences. One of the finest of these is a truly Christian home; a home in which Jesus Christ is the guiding spirit and the honored guest; a home where there is love — for one another and for God; a home where the Bible is read and prayers are said; a home where the parents go to the house of God to worship. A child reared in such a home has an excellent chance to succeed in life." (*Excerpts from article by Gordon H. Schroeder.*)

Because it is our belief that the home and church must work together if we are to develop Christian families, we have tried to work out a plan which we offer to the churches in our state.

THE PILGRIM CHURCH PLAN

"What is it?" you may ask. Wouldn't you like to hear more about it? While the name of this plan may sound new, the idea has been discussed and talked about a great deal for some time. The Pilgrim Church Plan has recently been worked out by our Kansas Christian Education Committee for local churches to use as a guide in setting up a total church school program. In reality it is an experiment to learn how to use the materials and an effort to test them through church experience. As a church we have a responsibility to help all persons of all ages to grow in understanding through belief and faith in the Christian religion. We need the support and help of parents to cooperate with us in carrying out this program. Therefore, we are inviting those churches that are really interested in a Plan. It is also an opportunity to share in helping us to build a better program for our denomination. Those churches that enter the plan will receive guidance and support from the State Committee and the National Staff. We have the resources, the tools and a plan to offer.

1: In order for a church to qualify as a Pilgrim Church it should use the Pilgrim Series materials through the Senior High Department, at least. If a church has never used Pilgrim Series, it might be wise to confine the plan to a specific department. This department would use the materials as specified in the guide books and manual.

2: Use of the Family Book. Special recognition should be given at the time of distribution along with suggestions for using it. The purchase and use of the home books in the Primary and Kindergarten departments should be carried out as specified in the guide books and manuals.

3: Some special meeting at least once during the year such as a Parent-Teacher or Family Night Supper. It is suggested that an open house be held in connection with this event so that the parents can see what is being done in the various departments; also that the parents be selected to serve on the committees in planning for the event. Some special recognition might be given to teachers and officers at this time.

4: Delegates from these churches should attend at least one workshop or leadership training meeting sponsored by the Association.

For more details write the State Conference office.

—Pauline Bloomer

PRINCIPALS AT DEDICATION: Attending dedication services October 22 for the new Fairmount Congregational Church parsonage, the Brown Manse, were, left to right: Dr. W. H. Upton, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church; Gordon Jones, Dr. L. Merle Rymph, State Congregational Superintendent; Mrs. W. P. Lake, George W. Fisk, pastor of Fairmount; Mrs. Will K. Jones, Mrs. Fisk, T. A. Howell, and Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, Executive Secretary of the Wichita Council of Churches.

Brown Manse Dedicated

Church leaders attended services dedicating the Brown Manse, new church parsonage of Fairmount Congregational Church at 1646 Gentry, Wichita, Kans.

Among those present were Dr. Walter H. Upton, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church; Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, secretary of the Wichita Council of Churches and former Fairmount minister, and Dr. L. Merle Rymph, State Congregational Conference Superintendent.

Hosts for the occasion were Rev. George Fisk, present Farmount pastor, who with his family now reside in the building, and George Wilner, Fairmount Church lay leader. The Brown Manse has been so named in memory of the late Dr. and Mrs. John C. Brown, members of the Fairmount congregation, which bequeathed the original parsonage to the church.

Mrs. Will K. Jones, a close friend of Dr. and Mrs. Brown, was the principal speaker on the program, presenting a biographical sketch of the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

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Peace be to this house,
Love ever abounding, righteousness and joy clasping hands with service and devotion.
Goodness and beauty and truth the inspiration of all her appointments;
God bless this house, built in faith, and hope and love.

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"A house is built of logs and stones,
Of tiles and posts and piers.
A home is built of loving deeds
That stand a thousand years."

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. John W. Gibson, *President*

Yale Divinity School,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

This is to acknowledge my receipt of the amount of the Bockoven Memorial Scholarship, so generously awarded to me again this year. I wish to extend my grateful thanks for this honor to the Congregational women of Kansas.

It seems appropriate to say that having the scholarship last year made it possible for me to give my attention more to study by freeing me to some extent from the necessity of earning extra money. It will be of great help to me this year in that same way. For this I thank you, as well as for the obvious honor done to me. My memory of Paul Bockoven is such that I count it a real privilege to have my name linked with his in this way.

This will be my third and last year at Yale Divinity School. For many reasons, I find it not possible to say finally what I shall do and where I shall be following this year. For several months I have been considering some kind of group pastoral ministry with three other men from Yale. We are not sure exactly what will develop, if anything. In faith, I know that God works in all these things for good, and I shall hope to wait upon Him and do what seems to be His will for me.

In any event, I shall always be mindful of my nurture in Kansas Congregationalism, of the profound influence of men like Paul Backoven, and of the encouragement you have given me in the award of the scholarship. If God calls me to serve Him in one of our Kansas churches, I shall trust in His Grace to serve to His Glory.

Please make known my appreciation to the women of our churches in Kansas.

With every kind wish, I am
Sincerely
(Signed) Robert Dewey.

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Chicago Theological Seminary
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

By this note of thanks, I want you and the Women's Association of the Kansas Congregational Christian Churches to be assured of my gratefulness to you all for the Scholarship Gift. I have already received a check for the full amount from the State Office.

It will be my aim to use this gift wisely in continuing my studies for the Christian ministry.

I pray that in giving, you may receive. For surely such a gift of encouragement and confidence in some measure will be rewarding.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Lou Bender

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MEMORIAL FUND

The Women's Department Memorial Fund was started in 1935. In fifteen years the fund has grown from $2.00 to almost $2400. Dividends from the investment are sent to the Women's Department Treasurer to be used for travel expenses for state and association officers in their service to local churches.

February is Memorial Month. On pages 20 and 21 of your Guide Book you will find a service. We trust that you will use it or one of your own choosing, but in any case, please send your list of deceased members for our Memorial Roll. Last year sixty societies contributed almost three hundred dollars to the fund. I hope I will hear from more groups this year.

—Elsie Nansen (Mrs. John A.)
Memorial Fund Secretary
4406 Lloyd, Kansas City, Kan.

The Rev. Ira Black, Kansas City Guest

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Kansas City First Pilgrim, Ed. Winn, Minister, is planning an aggressive program of Visitation Evangelism under the leadership of Ira Black, January 14 to 18 inclusive. First Pilgrim has invited the Congregational ministers and laymen of the other Congregational Churches in Kansas City to share the services of Ira Black that they may carry on simultaneous visitation meetings. First Church expects to train twenty-four laymen for this work. Mr. Black carried on a like program in Wichita Fairmount a year ago.

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PAULINE BLOOMER SPEAKING

BUILDING CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD is the mission project for this quarter. Extra materials are provided which help in interpreting the needs for mission schools in Japan, the Near East, our own American Indians as well as new communities in the United States. If you were too late in getting your Christmas missionary project completed, you now have an opportunity to share in this quarter's work. While it is primarily a money-giving project, there are many suggestions for gifts listed in the Program Manual. Those churches not using the Pilgrim Series courses may secure information through the State Conference Office. Very simple articles which are often taken for granted are needed. School children in Turkey are eager to receive magazine or picture postcards showing scenes of life in the United States. Crayons, paper and pencils are other useful articles. There will also be an opportunity to help build a new school building in Tarsus for Turkish boys. This was the city where St. Paul was born. It was necessary to turn many boys away last year because they did not have accommodations for them.

It is time to begin planning for your Vacation Church School. 1951 is the 50th birthday of the Vacation Church School. A lot has happened during the past fifty years. It's up to us to make the history for the future fifty. An excellent resource guide is THE HOU OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL. This is an International Council of Religious Education Bulletin listed at 50c. The Cooperative Texts are available through the state office for use in selecting your materials. IT CAN HAPPEN IN SUMMER is an excellent filmstrip which is available. LET'S TALK TURKEY is a new filmstrip available from the State Conference office.

FAMILY AFFAIR, sequel to "Is Your Home Fun" is now available at the State office. Fine for both parents and youth groups.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas
January 17-18, 1951

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Jim Bass, President

STATE PARSONAGE, 1400 MacVicar, Topeka

The state parsonage was buzzing with pilgrims the last two days of December when the state and association officers met for the Planning Conference. Final plans were made for the promotion of Christ's work Day. The Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship revised constitution was approved. The four Milwaukee delegates approved at McPherson as chairman of the commissions planned their programs: Jim Bass, Missionary Action; Nancy Hubbard, Social Action and Service; Roger Milberger, Personal Action and Dave McMullen, Interdenominational Action. Camp Wa-Shun-Ga for 1951 was discussed. The Senior Camp will be June 3-9 and Junior High Camp, June 10-16.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

At the McPherson Rally, Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship decided to set Saturday, February 3 as their Work Day for Christ. On this day, which is the Saturday of Youth Week, every Pilgrim is asked to secure some kind of a job and turn the money earned toward the Kansas Missionary Action Goal which is $1,800.00.

We suggest that each local church vote to support the Work Day for Christ. If the day is inconvenient for some, pick a day near February 3. Sign up all who are willing to work on the project. Seek the cooperation of your minister giving him the names of those who will accept jobs. He will in turn let the church members know, suggesting that they call on the available young people. If a P.F.'er has a regular job on that day, ask him to give all, or a significant part of his earnings to the project.

TOPEKA HOBO BAND AT McPHERSON RALLY
Ronnie Kibler, Jim Bass, Dave McMullen

Set aside part of your Sunday evening meeting on February 4 for the dedication of your gift.

Work suggestions are; house cleaning, snow shovelling, clerking, baby sitting, making and selling baked foods, etc. The important part is to have everyone participate. Will you join in the Kansas, WORK DAY FOR CHRIST on February 3?

FROM HULL HOUSE

Mrs. John Bascom (Ruth Fenton) former president of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship is teaching a group of kindergarten children at Hull House. Her aunt, Miss Dorothy Bascom of Framingham, Mass., sends the following excerpts from Ruth's letters:

"A new child — Mexican — entered school this week. Frances skips around with a happy smile for the whole world. When I last wrote, Herbert was painting fine pictures, but wouldn't eat. Since then he has reversed this procedure: he eats quantities but doesn't paint so much or so well. He loves school. Alvin, to the great satisfaction of his Hawaiian-Japanese parents, is becoming a bit social and plays with other children occasionally. Maesia still loves to use his fists, but his teacher forgives this since he is making such rapid progress learning English. His dark face fairly beams when he understands his teacher's words. Maesia is from a Mexican migrant worker's family. The father can only work summers and already the family is in debt. The nursery school here at Hull House is a miniature United Nations."

—Ruth Fenton Bascom.

JUNIOR HIGH RALLIES — November 19

One hundred twenty strong Eastern Junior Hi Pilgrims gathered at Centralia on that cold November afternoon. The beautiful remodeled Centralia Church was a joy to everyone. Uncle Dan Tyson and his people entertained us royally. Bob Lockwood, Eastern Jr. Hi Chairman, introduced all the groups. Uncle Dale Turner had charge of recreation, the Centralia group presented a skit on the Fort Berthold project and Topeka First, with Aunt Julia Dryden leading, gave the closing worship.

Southern boasts eighty in attendance at Newton with McPherson and Sedgwick tied for the largest delegations; each one bringing sixteen. Independence traveled the farthest. Other churches represented were Newton, Towanda, Whitewater, Wichita Fairmount and Wichita Plymouth. Wa-Shun-Ga slides were shown. Uncle John Rossel led in recreation and Uncle George Fisk and Aunt Laura Neville talked on the meaning of Pilgrim Fellowship. Preceding an offering for Fort Berthold, Uncle Vernon Benson talked. Towanda invited the group to hold the Spring Rally there.

Western specialized in quality more than quantity with 37 present representing five churches at Osborne. Delegates came from Russell, Lenora, Stockton, Downs and Osborne. Following a worship service by Stockton, the Lenora group dramatized the Ft. Berthold Mission project. The Jr. Hi Kit was discussed and all groups present were using it. Steve Jones led singing at the supper table. A very impressive worship service on the Thanksgiving theme was given by Uncle Hans Poppe and his Russell Pilgrims.

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH ENTERTAINS

On Sunday, November 5, the Jr. Hi boys and girls had a group of Mexican girls as their guests in the church parlor. Games were played and refreshments were served.

TOPEKA FIRST JR. HI'S SHARE CHRISTMAS

A card went out asking the church people to bring a piece of good used clothing or a new or used toy to the December Church Night Supper.

These Christmas wrapped gifts were piled around the Christmas tree. Following the meal, Mr. Wm. J. Burns showed the color, sound filmstrip, "This is Delmo." Several boxes were packed by the Junior Hi PF and sent to the Delmo community at Lilbourn, Missouri, in time for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dryden are sponsors and Sidney Yerkes is President.

PROTESTANTISM UNITES

The greatest co-operative event for Protestantism in 1950 took place in Cleveland, November 28 to Dec. 1. Twenty-five denominations sent delegates to join forces with the 8 inter-denominational bodies involved in constituting the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. The inter-denominational agencies consolidating their work in this one agency are, The Federal Council of Churches, The Foreign Missions Conference, The Home Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education, the Missionary Education Movement, The National Protestant Council of Higher Education, the United Council of Church Women, and the United Church Council. The Rev. Frank Richards served as the official Visitor from our Kansas fellowship, his expenses being paid by the Partridge Community Church of which he has been the pastor since 1934. Other Congregationalists at the constituting Convention were the Rev. Harold Bradshaw, the Rev. Walter H. Upton, the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Davidson. On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, many of our churches gave recognition to the newly formed Council, thanking God for this new expression of co-operative power.

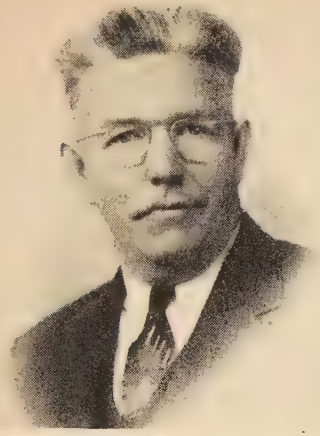
WAKEFIELD DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Madura Congregational Church, Christian G. Nelson, minister, celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Nov. 19. The church was organized Nov. 10, 1875 as a Congregational Church and was recognized by an ecclesiastical Council consisting of the Milford, Manhattan and Wabaunsee Congregational churches. It had functioned for several years as an independent community church in the Madura School House three miles south of Wakefield. William Todd, an American Board Missionary to Madura, India, during the years 1832 to 1854, took up a claim near Wakefield in 1858 and is responsible for the church name. He served as the first pastor of the church and had much to do with it becoming a Congregational Church. The Wakefield Colony is distinguished as being one of the five major English Colony settlements in Kansas promoted by a London agent. The main unit of the stone Church Building was completed in 1882, the second unit in 1922. The church building was badly damaged by fire in 1941 and was immediately rebuilt using the walls of the old building that stood undamaged by fire. The strong family loyalty that has continued throughout the 75 year period the church has had only 6 clerks, 38 trustees, 23 deacons, 18 deaconesses, 21 church school superintendents and 26 ministers. Seven former ministers were represented by members of their family at the Diamond Jubilee. The State Superintendent brought the Anniversary Message.

KANSAS CONGREGATIONAL-CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

"Four Thousand More by Fifty-four"



The. Rev. E. E. Erickson

PASTOR CALLED

Rev. Elmer E. Erickson, completes a three-year pastorate at Sabetha Congregational Church and begins a new pastoral relationship at Topeka Seabrook in mid January. Few of our churches carry on a better balanced program of worship, education and fellowship than does our Sabetha Church. The Sabetha church has made steady advance in all departments of work under the leadership of Elmer Erickson. The Erickson's, Elmer and Edith have shared the leadership of our conference summer camp program at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga during the time of their stay at Sabetha and will be accorded a like privilege by the Seabrook Church. The Seabrook Church is in the fastest growing sector of Topeka and contemplates a program of advance with the possibility of erecting added church or church school facilities in the not too distant future. We are glad that the Ericksons have decided to stay in Kansas — for we need their constructive leadership.

ALMENA CALLS GOODSON

The Rev. A. J. Goodson of Avoca, Iowa, has been called to the pastorate of the Almena Congregational Church and began work there on December 14. Mrs. Goodson made the trip to Almena on November 4th, the Sunday Mr. Goodson preached a candidating sermon. We join the Almena congregation in welcoming the Goodsons to Kansas.

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TOPEKA CENTRAL CALLS R. E. MINISTER

The Rev. J. Andrew Bolinger has been called as minister of religious education at Central Church, Topeka. He comes to Topeka after serving as "ad interim" pastor of Christian Church in Jewell. A native of Rock Island, Ill., Mr. Bolinger received an A.B. degree from Drake University, Des Moines. While at Drake, he was president of the Drake Ministerial Association and several clubs. He held several student pastorates and was director of gymnasium at the University Christian Church in Des Moines.

The Rev. A. J. Goodson

After his ordination, Mr. Bolinger served as pastor of the Christian Church in West Liberty, Iowa for 2½ years. While there he was Community Chest Campaign chairman, and president of the local chapter of United World Federalists.

We join Topeka Central in welcoming the Rev. Bolinger to our Kansas Fellowship.

Dr. Allen Wehrli, Convocation Guest

WASHBURN MINISTERS' CONVOCATION

Anticipation runs high as we look forward to the Ministers' Convocation to be held in Topeka, February 19, 20 and 21. The first session will be held at 1:30 Monday, February 19 and the last session will close at noon on Wednesday, February 21. This schedule is arranged so ministers may reach their home churches for a Wednesday evening Lenten Service if they desire.

Washburn University has secured Dr. A. Wehrli, Professor of Old Testament at Eden Theological Seminary, as the chapel speaker. Dr. Wehrli will bring messages on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings using as his subjects: "Types of Public Leadership" and "The Frail Goodness of Necessity." He will also speak at the dinner meeting at First Church, Tuesday evening, bringing his "Spiritual Pilgrimage." The second leader for the sessions is not yet definite. Dr. Walter H. Upton will act as Chaplain; the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones is Moderator and the Rev. S. J. Williams will again be Treasurer.

As for the past eleven years, twenty to twenty-five out-of-town ministers will be housed and given breakfast at the state parsonage. This annual gathering of Kansas ministers features fellowship. There are always new men, but they do not remain strangers long in the informal atmosphere. Plan now to spend February 19, 20 and 21 in Topeka.

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TRICKEYS TO WELBORN PARSONAGE

In mid November the Rev. and Mrs. Rueben Trickey moved into the lovely parsonage at Kansas City Welborn. Mr. Trickey was called to Welborn as interim minister when the Rev. E. R. Howard was summoned to the chaplaincy as an Active Reserve. We picture below the church parsonage which was completed almost three years ago at a cost of more than $19,000.00. The first floor includes a large living room with woodburning fireplace, a dining room, kitchen, bedroom and bath. On the second floor are three bedrooms and bath.

Kansas City Welborn Parsonage

"IN MEMORIAM"

Mrs. Winnifred Davis Schnacke, 91 died Nov. 16, 1950 at her home, 1400 Jewell, Topeka. She was born May 5, 1859 in Macon County, Ill., came to Kansas with her parents at an early age and settled near Junction City. She taught school at Junction City and Emporia. She was married August 30, 1882 to the Rev. L. C. Schnacke, a Congregational minister. He held pastorates in various Kansas towns including Clay Center, Paola, Great Bend and McPherson. He was Acting Superintendent of the Kansas Congregational Christian Conference 1907 to 1911. He died in 1941. Mrs. Schnacke was a member of Central Congregational Church, Topeka, Kansas.

IMPROVEMENTS AT OSBORNE UNITED

Almost $20,000.00 has been raised for extensive improvement at Osborne. Contracts have been let and work will be carried out as soon as materials are available. The sanctuary will be completely remodeled and modernized. A new pipe organ will be installed. A fine large room without posts will be made a part of the basement. Alterations to the kitchen will be cared for by the women. The Rev. S. Duane Ogden is the minister.

EXCAVATION AT WICHITA PLYMOUTH

Work began in early November on the new $150,000.00 educational plant at Wichita Plymouth.

NEOLA PREACHING MISSION

The Rev. E. Roy Farwell recently held a week's meetings at Neola with good attendance and interest.

Governor Arn Honored

On Nov. 30 the Brotherhood of Central Church, Topeka observed Ladies' night honoring Mr. Edward Arn, Governor-elect of Kansas. Mrs. Arn and daughters Barbara and Dolores were also guests. The Arns are members of Central Church.

CHRISTMAS AT TOPEKA SEAMAN

The chancel choir of Seaman Community Church, directed by Miss Genevieve Wunsch, organist and choir director, and Mrs. Paul Metzger, Assistant Director, presented a Christmas Musicale in the sanctuary December 14. The program followed the regular monthly church night and dip supper. On Dec. 19 at 4 P.M., the Music Department of Seaman High School, under the direction of Mr. D. E. Harp, presented the Annual Christmas Vespers. This service has become a tradition at Seaman as this year marks its 23rd presentation.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH

Revival meetings were held October 17-27 with the Rev. Ray Altoffer as leader.

SMITH CENTER

A new Hammond organ was installed recently at Smith Center. Gifts in memory of loved ones started the fund and the Ladies Society, plus gifts from individuals, made possible its completion. The Rev. Wm. A. Roberts is minister.

NEW CHANCEL CHAIRS

Independence reports a gift of four new maple chairs by the D.C.C. Class. They were presented by Mrs. G. C. Whitlow and accepted by Mr. Carl Brinkmeyer, Moderator of the church.

MAIZE

The P.F. group recently levelled a large mound back of the church, mak-

ing it possible to plant grass and shrubs and develop a useful recreation ground. Mr. Gordon Jones, Kansas Laymen's Fellowship Chairman brought a Stewardship Message to the church on November 12. The Family Night Thank Offering was held on November 15. Mrs. Stella McCoy is minister.

LAWRENCE PLYMOUTH

The average attendance at the Sunday morning Services to December 1st, 1950 was 575. The average attendance at the Junior High Fun Fests held each Friday night has been 225. The Rev. Dale Turner is minister.

OTTAWA LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

A fine service was conducted by R. O. Harder, Henry Schmitz, Douglas Gleason and Robert Kerr. All good speakers, according to their minister, the Rev. Frank Worthington.

LORD'S ACRE PLAN

The Rev. A. A. Van Sickle recently reported that the Dover Federated Church had netted more than $2,000.00 from their Lord's Acre auction sale.

Mr. Niles Endsley of Alton reports more than $900.00 netted by their church this first year of the plan. Mr. Endsley's acre produced sweet corn, tomatoes, onions, squash, sweet potatoes, and popcorn with a net profit of $108.65. Mrs. Bessie Koontz is the pastor at Alton.

GARDEN CITY MOVES IN

The new year began with Garden City worshipping in their lovely new building. We extend our congratulations to the Rev. Marvin Brown and his people for this outstanding achievement.

OSCAR BONNY AVAILABLE

The Rev. O. E. Bonny reports that he will be glad to arrange speaking appointments in churches of our fellowship. Except for Sundays, he is available to churches willing to pay his travel and entertainment expense. Mr. Bonny tells a gripping story of first hand conditions as he saw them in Europe.

VACATION SCHOOL COACHING CONFERENCE

Mrs. Heinz Schwarz of Onaga will represent us at the Kansas Council of Churches Coaching Conference in Wichita in January and will be a member of one of the training teams later in the spring.

REV. FRED SMITH IMPROVED

The Rev. Fred Smith of Ellis who has been critically ill is much improved and hopes to be back in his pulpit early in 1951.

HAVEN

The Rev. C. M. Good is supplying the pulpit at Haven. Mrs. Good, who has been ill for sometime is much better. They moved from Gaylord the first of November.

Midwinter Meetings

The Missions Council meetings held for the past several years at Cleveland will be held this year at Grand Rapids. Mrs. John W. Gibson, Miss Pauline Bloomer and Sup't. L. M. Rymph will be in attendance.

PAULINE

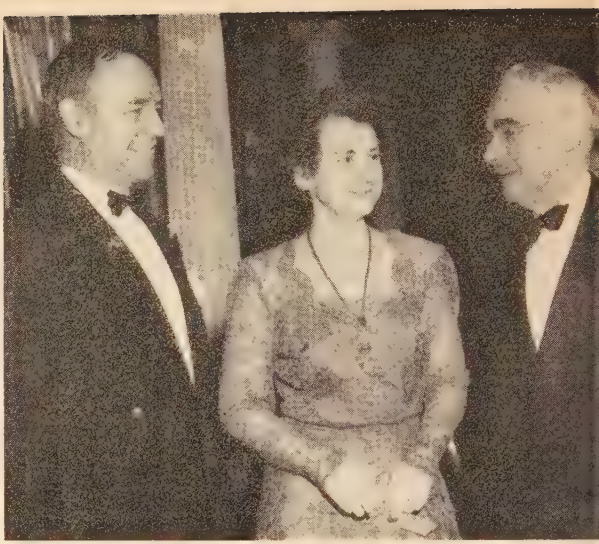
Mr. Amon Woodworth, a teacher at Berryton Rural High School, who is preparing for the ministry, is supplying the pulpit at our Pauline Church, seven miles south of Topeka.

The National Council of Churches Is Born

DONALD C. BOLLES

In a solemn setting, rich in color nd pageantry, the delegates of venty-nine American Christian nurches brought into being the Naonal Council of the Churches of hrist in the United States of America, dedicated "to the glory of God and the service of mankind."

It was a great moment in religious history as a representative of each of twenty-five major Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox churches



Charles P. Taft, a recent president of the Federal Council of Churches, confers with Mildred McAfee Horton, vice president-at-large of the new National Council of Churches and Samuel M. Cavert, general secretary of the new Council of Churches, *right*.

signed constituting documents, and then heard the presiding officer, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, formally declare the National Council "officially constituted."

The capstone in the arch of cooperative Christianity in America was erected in a memorable ceremony in snow-bound Cleveland's public auditorium Wednesday morning, November 28. Against the backdrop of the banners of the twenty-nine constituent denominations the eight merging agencies signified that they now were united in an interchurch enterprise linking 32,000,000 Christians in 150,000 churches across the land.

Four Thousand Delegates

There were 4,000 delegates present in Public Hall as the plan for one great interdenominational agency at last became a reality. At one table near the front sat a group with an especial interest in the moment. It was the planning committee of forty-eight men and women — six from each of the merging agencies — who in large measure were the architects of the National Council. Most of them had been at Atlantic City in 1941 when the blueprint was first conceived. Now they were witnessing the harvest of their years of arduous and intensive efforts.

Under the Constitution approved by the 600 official representatives of the twenty-nine constituting communions, the National Council began operations January 1, 1951, embracing the major interdenominational enterprises of Christian activity developed over more than a half century. Centered in four major divisions and more than twenty other units will be evangelism, education, stewardship, foreign and home missions, family life, overseas aid and many others.

In addition to strengthening united action in many areas of Christian concern, such as human rights, world order and economic justice, the National Council, through general departments of united church men and

united church women, represents a step forward in creating new opportunities for greater and more effective participation of the laity in all areas of church life.

Every step necessary to enable the National Council to start operations as the new year dawns was taken during the historic four day meeting — the first general assembly, as well as the constituting convention, of the new Council of Churches. The delegates chose as the first president a distinguished clergyman, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of Greenwich, Conn., the presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and named as the chief administrative officer of a staff of more than 400, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. Dr. Cavert was elected general secretary and Dr. Roy Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, associate general secretary.

Budget Presented

A budget that will exceed $4,435,000 was presented and the interim policy-making body, a sixty-five member General Board, was formally constituted and held two sessions.

The convention quickly elected officers for the 1951-1952 biennium, approving by voice vote the nominating committee slate headed by Bishop Sherrill.

Vice presidents-at-large are: Mrs. Douglas Horton, New York, former president of Wellesley College and former commander of the Waves; Congregationalist;

Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson, Louisville, Ky., executive secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church;

Dr. M. E. Sadler, Fort Worth, Tex., president of Texas Christian University and former president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ;

Dr. Harold E. Stassen, Philadelphia, president of the University of Pennsylvania, former governor of Minnesota and president of the International Council of Religious Education; a Baptist layman.

A Sight To Remember

The Public Hall was beautifully decorated. Seldom has there been so much eye-filling color and inspiring sights at an interdenominational gathering in America. The stage and the lower floor of the Arena presented a sight to remember. Across the proscenium, in letters of glittering silver several feet high, hung the words of the convention theme, "This Nation Under God." It stood out against the black and orange back drop. In the center of the stage was a high white altar on which rested an open Bible, and directly above it was a huge cross of gold. On either side of the altar stood the standard of all the United Nations.

On the stage and on the floor of the Arena the color scheme was red, white and blue. The cross was repeated in an arrangement of white-covered tables surrounded by red tables. At these sat the official representatives. In the rear were blue tables for consultants and alternates. Around the balcony hung banners bearing the Council emblem, separated by American, United Nations' and Christian flags.

In this setting the convention opened Tuesday night with a service of worship and thanksgiving.

The National Council, said Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, noted radio speaker and New York Methodist minister, is a product of a "spirit of unity which long has been growing, and the seed for a harvest which only God can forecast." It is, he added, "the greatest forward step toward

religious unity which America has yet seen, and it may well prove epochal."

Throughout the convention the worship services, bringing to the pulpit some of America's leading preachers, provided a deep spiritual note.

The formal ceremony Wednesday morning in which the Council was officially constituted was filled with symbolism of greater cooperation carried out in a dedicated spirit.

At the start of the meeting the delegates observed a moment of silent prayer for "the United Nations, our nation and those in the great struggle." Bishop John S. Stamm, of Harrisburg, Pa., president of the Federal Council of Churches, led prayers for the United Nations, noting that the convention met at an hour of "great crisis."

Act of Constituting

The bearers brought the denominational banners to the stage as the act of constituting itself began. The chairman, Dr. Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, called upon the voting representatives of the denominations to rise, and asked whether they had agreed to become members and authorized their representatives to sign the official documents. "We do," they replied in unison.

Turning to the single representatives of the denominations, seated on the stage, Dr. Fry called the roll of the constituting communions. They rose one by one, stepped forward to a table in the center of the stage, and affixed their signature to the constituting documents. When they had finished, Dr. Fry placed the documents on the altar and then declared the Council officially constituted.

"Let us now dedicate it to the glory of God and to the service of mankind," he declared. It was the signal for the 4,000 delegates, alternates, consultants and visitors to rise to their feet for the climactic point of the ceremony.

"And now," they intoned in unison, "as a fellowship of Christian churches, in the communion of the saints, in love and goodwill toward all . . . we invoke the blessing of God upon this National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and dedicate the Council to his glory and the service of mankind, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." With a fervent "amen" the audience then joined in singing the Doxology — "Praise God from whom all blessing flow."

Mr. Bolles is the director of public relations of the National Council of Churches. The illustrations are by Religious News Service and Miller-Ertler Studios of Cleveland.

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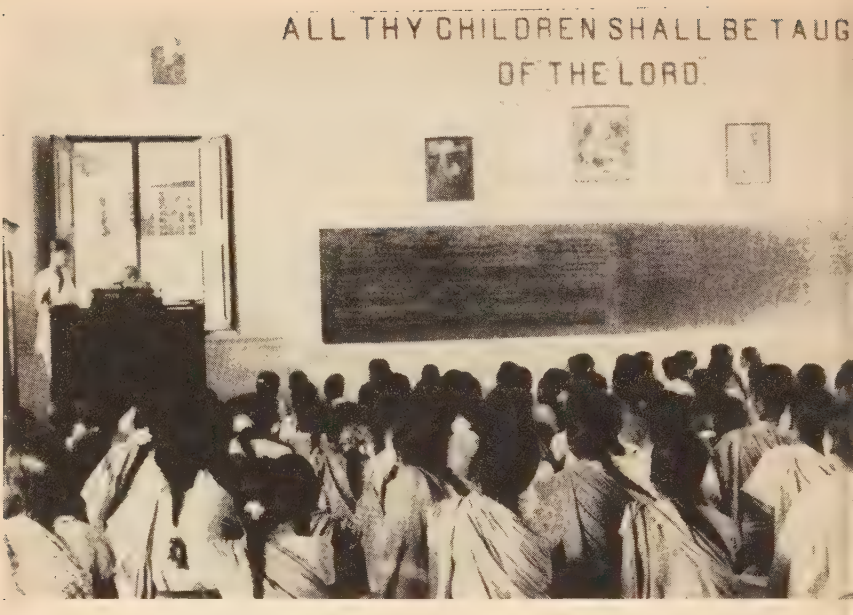
CAROLYN G. WEEBER

Bible Stories Come Alive in India

Many customs of colorful India are reminiscent of Bible times

I am looking forward to an American Christmas on my next furlough in 1952, but I am wondering if the snow and the stockings hung by the chimney will ever again seem to be an essential part of the setting after celebrating Christmas in India.

Bible stories come alive in India. It is easy to imagine Joseph and Mary arriving in Bethlehem not too concerned about the question of shelter for the night, but having faith that their need would be taken care of, and knowing that if it weren't taken



Girls in a mission school in India listen intently to speaker during morning chapel service.

care of adequately, the need would pass.

It is easy here in India to imagine the birth of Jesus taking place in a stable, to imagine how the cows occasionally turned their massive heads to look over their shoulders or stamped their hind feet when some insect's bite was too unpleasant. Here in India you get very well acquainted with cows, donkeys, goats, and you often look in at the front door of a house on a city street to see a cow in the front room.

Use Our Own Imagery

The shepherds' clothing must have been lengths of material slung over the shoulders or tied around the waist and they either wore sandals or were barefooted. Bare feet are a familiar sight to us.

We put our own imagery into the Christmas story! If I were to ask you what the shepherds were doing when they heard the angels' song, you would probably say that they were huddled around a fire. But the Bible doesn't say this and perhaps in that country they needed no fire. When I was studying for my second Tamil examination and was telling my *munshi* the story of Isaac, I said, "Abraham placed the firewood on his son's shoulders."

"No, no," my teacher protested. He placed it on Isaac's head. It says so in the Bible."

"But, Mr. Jesudason," I insisted in English, for I was too definite about it to stumble through in Tamil. "It says the shoulders; I am quite certain."

"But he wouldn't carry firewood on his shoulders. I'm sure it says head. We'll look it up."

We looked it up and found that it doesn't tell how Isaac carried the firewood. We both had read the story and visualized it according to our own cultural habits. I suppose, though, that Mr. Jesudason was more

nearly right than I because in the East the place to carry burdens is the head. I have watched a man take my steamer trunk on his head up and down several flights of stairs in a railway station; and once I saw a woman walking up a hill, that I couldn't make on my bicycle, carrying a baby astride her hip, as babies are carried in India, while at the same time balancing on her head an oversized tin trunk.

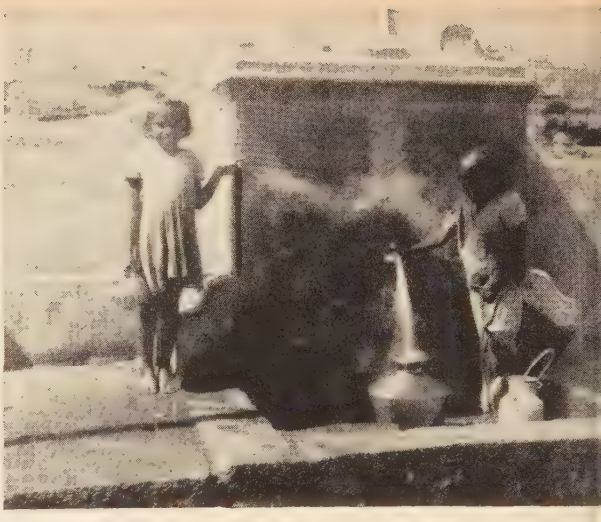
Public Wells in Jerusalem

When Jesus sent two of his disciples to prepare the upper room for their Passover meal he instructed them: "Go into the city and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him." Many people in Jerusalem must have come to the public wells for their water. As you go along the streets of Mathurai, you see forty to fifty women or girls crowding around public taps — for we are a quite modern city with taps instead of wells — each with a big brass pot for water.

A most interesting sight here in India is that of innumerable shiny pots standing around the water tap with no person in sight. The water hasn't come on yet, but the women with pots nearest the tap have a prior claim when the water does come. The well is a noisy place when the pots are being filled; quarrels are not infrequent. Our language school teacher was once explaining that the Tamil verb is always finite, coming at the end of a sentence. "And when the women quarrel at the wells and taps," he said in effect, "the finite verbs fly." But in Mathurai it is definitely a woman's work to carry water. One rarely, if ever, sees a man doing it.

Now for general news: There has been famine in South India as you have no doubt read in your newspapers. The amount of rationed rice

Worship service is part of the daily schedule in Christian hospital, *below*, at Madura, India.



Mathurai, India, is a modern city with water taps instead of wells. A most interesting sight here is that of innumerable shiny pots standing around the water taps in readiness for the moment when the water is turned on. The women with pots nearest tap have prior claim when water comes on.

is pathetically small. The black market commands such high prices that, though the poor use all their resources for food, they still go hungry. Church World Service and our American Board for Foreign Missions have sent out beans and dried milk and CARE packages. All these tokens of someone's concern make a real difference.

The war in Korea is followed closely in India because it is considered very significant.

Here in the hospital we are continually wrestling with a lack of staff. We are running a building campaign. We must have better living quarters for our married male nurses. At first I was most aware of the need of a hostel for the students and I have used gifts to buy furniture for it, but I am increasingly aware of the need of houses for our married nurses and concede that the building committee has wisely given this priority. We have part of the funds and the blueprint for the first duplex, and we are praying that we may soon go ahead. We carry on a work that has been started, strengthened and sustained by prayer.

I hope that all of you had a happy Christmas. I am sending — for each of you — a New Year's prayer that was sent to me last year by the mother of one of our American Board missionaries:

God bless thy year
Thy coming in, thy going out;
Thy rest, thy traveling about;
The rough, the smooth,
The bright, the drear
God bless thy year.

Miss Weeber was appointed an American Board missionary in 1947 and is stationed at Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mathurai, India. Illustrations by Religious News Service and the American Board.

DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Hand Fund income for the month of October, 1950	$ 4.308.64
Hand Fund income for the five months ended Oct. 31, 1950	$27.057.97

A RURAL LIFE PROGRAM

IN ANGOLA

Our missionaries are concerned about the more abundant life for Africans

CARL R. DILLE

At the end of the first two years of our Foor Rural Life School in Africa there were graduated eleven young men from four different mission stations of the American Board for Foreign Missions and the United Church of Canada.

Whether or not the program of this school is to fill a need in the lives of our people depends on the use these and our future graduates make of their training. Our dreams are in their hands. Some of the graduates have already become village catechists and we have had encouraging reports of good work done by them.

In our fast-growing work here "thin spots" all too often appear. They trouble us greatly. Why, after all these years of health work, should malnutrition continue to be one of the greatest causes of illness among the Ovimbundu people? How can we expect to have permanent, better-type Christian villages when poor agricultural practices ruin the land and scatter the people?

It has dawned upon us gradually that the major source of difficulty lies in the home. We have preached and taught all these things to school children, to catechists, to pastors, to women leaders, etc., separately, but we have not sat down with husband and wife to show them that it is their joint responsibility to oversee all phases of the life of their children.

Family Life Conferences

So, during this dry season, we have been holding a series of Family Life Conferences. We go and "sit" (as our African friends say) in some village for a week. Folks from this and near-by villages attend. We urge that both husband and wife be present. Then there is no chance for evading the responsibility by saying, "I know it is well to eat fresh vegetables, but my wife won't cook them," or "I want to correct our child but my husband won't let me."

Our first emphasis in these Family Life Conferences is, naturally, Christian family life, including the discipline of children, the relations of husband and wife, or parents and children, and religious instruction in the

The hope of Africa is that modern agricultural methods will soon replace primitive farming.

home. It is amazing to find how little our African friends know about home life as we understand it. Their homes are often just a loosely-bound group of people who happen to be living in the same house. The man goes about his business, earning money for the hut tax and other expenses, without so much as telling his wife about his plans, much less consulting her.

The woman has her back bent from morning to night growing the food for the family, pounding the corn into meal and getting wood and water for the cooking. The children fend for themselves.

Conflicting Desires

The man wants to advance and have the "new" things that accompany civilization, such as educated children, a clean home, good food, and a wife who will help him reach these goals. But all he knows about getting them is to growl at his wife and command her to do thus and so. She, in her turn, is already so overburdened that the thought of taking on these new responsibilities overwhelms and frightens her. She feels that her husband is trying to put something over on her. So she retaliates by becoming stubborn and refusing to try them. And there they are, at an impasse.

Sometimes it is the wife who wants better things and the husband who thinks it is just vanity on her part to want a kitchen table to work on, or at least a shelf for her plates and cups. What's wrong, he wants to know, with using the dirt floor as they always have done?

Many Warm Discussions

To most of these people it is amazing that a man should talk over problems with his wife; or that a man should, with the help of his children, take over some of his wife's burdens so that she, in turn, may have time and energy to add some of the little niceties that make a house into a home. We have many warm discussions! The men rise up and accuse the women of indifference and stubbornness. But there is always some woman with enough courage to stand up and defend the woman's side of the case, and all the rest of the women then join in a chorus of, "That's it, indeed! Tell them! Tell them!"

The second emphasis of these conferences is health, and what can be done as a family to improve health. Mrs. Dille talks about rules for good nutrition, signs of malnutrition, how to cook foods so as not to lose their

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ders like this one, *left*, is the most encour-
ing feature of the missionary movement.

A young age to learn to knit, but it appears to be great fun for these African children.

value, baby feeding and prenatal care. Then she has demonstrations of the making of peanut milk (milk cows or goats are a rarity) and one or two other dishes such as an inexpensive but nourishing soup and a cooked vegetable. The demonstrations, of course, never fail to interest the women because, for one reason, each one brings to class a spoon or cup in order to taste the product!

Session on Agriculture

There is also an afternoon session devoted to agriculture, and concerned with the practical things that relate to a better family life, from economic and nutritional standpoints.

First there are demonstrations in seed selection: corn, because it is the people's staff of life; and potatoes, because they are good food as well as a good cash crop. A compost-pit, for kitchen refuse, and compost piles are made. The planting of kitchen vegetable gardens, from which nothing is to be sold, is stressed. "Let the family eat well first," I urge. "Then consider cash crops."

Thanks to friends at home who have kept us supplied with free vegetable seeds, I have been able to plant various kinds so that all who attended the conference might later have plants to carry home to their own gardens. Each one was also given a pinch of free seed, the men wrapping theirs in a leaf and the women tying theirs in a corner of their kerchiefs!

A non-Christian said, on hearing the discussions on family life: "I never knew that this faith of yours had anything to do with a man and his wife!" Wise parents, obedient children, healthy bodies, strong faith — all these Jesus meant when he said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Mr. Dille has been a Congregational Christian missionary, engaged in rural evangelistic work, for some ten years. Illustrations in this article are by Religious News Service and the American Board.

"Just Beyond YOUR DOORSTEP"

A cordial invitation to join and enjoy the Home Missions Study Tour this Spring

RALPH R. SHRADER

"This trip was more helpful than weeks of reading and hours of lecturing would have been," said one of our prominent business men upon his return from the Home Missions Study Tour last spring. "Our work has come alive to me," he continued. "I've seen it, and for the first time the term *Our Christian World Mission* really has meaning for me. It does something to you when you see those share-croppers at Brick, the students fighting against odds in our colleges, the doctors and nurses working in our hospitals. "By the way," he asked, "why didn't somebody tell me about this opportunity years ago?"

This churchman is only one of many who have discovered there's a whole new world in the realm of missions to be seen and appreciated right here in the United States. He has always wanted to visit mission fields in Africa, China, India, Japan, and the islands of the Pacific, but he has had neither time nor money to go to these enchanting far-away places. No wonder he was eager to tell others about what he had seen, heard, and felt on the Home Missions Study Tour last spring.

Would you like to be a member of the Home Missions Study Tour scheduled for this Spring? If so, this is your invitation. If you travel by car from your doorstep next March with us you will find azaleas in bloom, white Southern mansions against the skyline, and roadways completely arched by Spanish moss.

Lest you set out harboring secret feelings of superiority toward people or institutions now receiving missionary help, let me remind you of Dr. Truman B. Douglass' words:

"Most of the Congregational Christian churches of America . . . came into existence because our forefathers believed in a missionary faith. They took seriously the commission to 'go and make disciples' and were always moving out to new frontiers. There are few churches in our fellowship which do not owe their very life to the evangelical concern of the whole church expressed through the home missions movement."

You will want to prepare for a

The work of our Board of Home Missions "came alive" to the members of the Study Tour, above.

strenuous trip. You will visit churches, schools, and community centers and will drive 3,000 miles — just beyond your doorstep! — in a little more than two weeks. There will be few opportunities to follow the example of the Southerner who said to us last year: "Now down here in Alabama, the first thing we do is to take off our shoes and relax."

When you leave the ice and snow of the North and find spring blossoming out all around you as you approach Washington, D. C., you will take your notebook and jot down questions such as these:

"Among all the new friends I shall make, which ones will prove to be the most likeable, creative, and dynamic?"

"What are some of the important contributions which the American Missionary Association has made to our national life since it was founded in 1846?"

"Has our contribution to and through the churches been in keeping with that made to and through the schools and hospitals?"

"What rights and privileges, which we take for granted, are often denied Negroes?"

"What effect has federal legislation had on education, housing, transportation, eating and sleeping on interstate trains?"

"What are the important reasons for continuing church-related colleges now that most states are beginning to make more adequate provision for Negro students?"

"What work, now supported by our Board of Home Missions, may have to be closed unless there is a substantial increase in the giving of our churches to *Our Christian World Mission?*"

As you put away your pencil, you will find that you are just outside Washington, D. C., where you will stop to visit the Silver Spring Church which you already may have seen in the excellent film, *We Would Be Building.*

Of course you will go to the Lincoln Memorial in West Potomac Park. As you contemplate the sculptured figure of the martyred President, you will thank God for him and for the progress which has been made since his day. You will also rededicate yourself to the uncompleted task.

Thomas B. Keehn of the Council for Social Action will conduct a two-hour seminar, introducing you to national political leaders. Carl Heath Kopf will explain the joys and problems of maintaining a strong church in the downtown Washington. Phillip G. Scott will take you to see beautiful, new Westmoreland Church in the suburbs.

At Howard University, President Mordecai W. Johnson will welcome you to this great institution which owes its origin to our churches, but which today is largely supported by endowment and federal aid. As our special interest is in the School of Religion at Howard, we shall take part in a seminar where we shall have an opportunity to discuss economic, religious and social problems.

Here you will probably begin to understand and feel for the first time what the Negro faces in our country. (You may be reminded of what a prominent Christian leader from India reported as he came to America on his way from Amsterdam in 1948: "I was invited to become a member of the section on Christianity and communism," this Indian said.

"During the discussion a brilliant Negro from your country remarked, 'I thank God for the World Council of Churches which is now coming into existence. I thank God for the Universal Christian Fellowship. I thank God that American money made it possible for this meeting to be held. I also thank God that this meeting is being held in Amsterdam. If it had been held in the capital of the greatest democracy in the world, I would not have been permitted to attend on the basis of equality with the rest of you'.")

The Study Tour includes many places of interest. Above, Judson Cross Hall, Tougaloo College.

As you leave Washington you will push on to reach Brick Community Center before nightfall. Mr. Neill A. McLean, Cornell graduate and director at Brick, will be waiting to greet you. Here you may be served your first real Southern fried chicken dinner, just in case you are interested. You will sleep between sheets which

have been provided through Friendly Service by church women who cooperate with Helen Frances Smith in her nation-wide program.

You will visit former sharecropper families who are now getting a new start at Brick Community Center. As you go to the neat, clean home of one of the families, you may hear Mr. McLean ask, "Mrs. Harvey, do you work as hard as you did when you were a sharecropper?"

Expecting her to say "no," you will be surprised when she answers, "Yes, Mr. McLean, I works harder now, but I knows what I'm working for. When we were sharecroppers, we just worked and worked but we never got anywhere. I always had a 'draggy feeling' when I took time off for a funeral because I felt my time was not my own. Now I can 'fune' all afternoon, come home and work until midnight, and I don't have that 'draggy feeling' at all. Yes, Mr. McLean, I works harder, but now we have a purpose."

Life on the Farm

As you go out toward the barnyard, you will see the old-fashioned smokehouse with the remainder of the winter's supply of meat hanging from the rafters. Mr. Harvey will proudly take you to see his fine team of mules, his cows, his drove of pigs, and his new machinery. "We are about ready to buy a farm," he explains, "and move from Bricks to make room for a new family. But we know we can always come to Mr. McLean for help when we need it."

As you head south and west the next day, you will ponder one of Mr. McLean's choice statements, "The release of pressure on the human soul is constant in the American Missionary Association Community Centers."

In Greensboro, North Carolina, you will be welcomed by Superintendent William T. Scott of the Southern Convention and by President Leon

We are proud of the graduates from our colleges. *Above*, graduate of Dillard University.

Edgar Smith of Elon College. You will prepare to spend the night on the campus, or in the homes of members of the Rev. and Mrs. William E. Wisseman's church. You will want to talk with the Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, Superintendent of our colored churches in the South. He will share with you the joys and problems of a superintendent who is counselling, guiding, and shepherding the pastors and congregations of our colored churches.

At Piedmont College President James E. Walter will help you understand why Ripley included this school "at the foot of the mountains" in his "Believe it or not" series.

In Atlanta you will visit First Congregational Church which is one of our strongest Negro churches in the South. Upon entering the dining room, you will see the motto:

"Lord Help Us to Be
Easy to Live With"

and before you have been there two

minutes you will know that the pastor, the Rev. Homer C. McEwen, and his people make it easy for the Lord to grant their request. You may be in Atlanta on the day the "Hungry Club" meets and have the good fortune to be the guest of Mr. H. H. Thomas, one of the prominent members of First Church, and recognized as an outstanding layman. The Rev. Thomas A. Anderson, pastor of Central Congregational Church, with the Rev. David Shepherd, Superintendent of the Southeastern Convention, will help you understand and appreciate white churches, their problems and their contributions.

At Talladega, "a New England College" for Negroes in Alabama, you will be graciously entertained on the college campus which is an inter-

Fred L. Brownlee, *left*, with Adam D. Beittel, president of Talladega College, Alabama.

racial oasis surrounded by wide areas where the pattern of segregation has not yet been greatly changed by enlightened public opinion or federal legislation. You will meet exchange students from Northern colleges; you will talk with colored and white professors, and find their children playing together and attending the primary school which is operated by the college. You will go with Talladega Bookmobile as it takes books to the rural Negro schools in which the children in some instances sit on crude benches and have no desks at which to do their work. Perhaps the children will sing for you the spiritual, "I'm Walking Along Life's Highway with Jesus by My Side."

"The Cultural Center"

Turning north from Talladega you will drive under the hanging moss to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee — the "Cultural Center of the South." Dr. Charles S. Johnson would honor the president's chair of any university in the U.S.A., and Mrs. Johnson would grace any president's home as friend and hostess. You will find a spirit of equality, confidence and competence among both faculty and students. The psychology of a large city, the prestige associated with the word, Fisk, the contacts with white colleges in Nashville, the relatively greater financial resources and better equipment, the academic standing and scholarly attainments of the faculty — all these contribute to the self-respect and self-assurance which are found at Fisk. Dr. Herman H. Long will welcome questions on the Race Relations Department which is known throughout the nation because of its services and studies. Dean William J. Faulkner will conduct the Sunday services where you will hear the famous Fisk choir.

As you leave Nashville, "The Hermitage"—beautiful colonial home and plantation of President Andrew Jackson—will tempt you to spend hours admiring the art, museum pieces, stately trees, and beautiful gardens; but the sundial will remind you that you scarcely have time to reach Pleasant Hill before darkness settles

over the mountains in Eastern Tennessee.

Pleasant Hill has long been famous for its school, sanitorium, its handicraft, and its herd of dairy cattle. Through its community center program, Pleasant Hill is meeting the needs of the people who have lived there for decades, and of the incoming families who are drawn to the area by atomic energy projects.

Memories and Regrets

Before leaving for Berea College in Kentucky, you will meet with other members of the party for a final seminar to review your experience in churches, colleges, and community centers. You will regret that it was impossible to visit many other places on this tour, but will look forward to seeing them in the future. You will recall humorous incidents.

You will say, "If only the Board of Home Missions had more money to help that church — to strengthen that college — to extend its community center program — or to give scholarship aid to those brilliant students who will be forced out of school if help is not provided." Because you have had the privilege of sharing in the Home Missions Study Tour, you will be able to enter more fully into the joys and sorrows of all God's people, everywhere, who suffer on account of race, color, nationality, or religion. You will return to your family, your church, your community, determined to extend your hand — daily — to those who, like Gladys C. Murrell, offer their hands to rebuild an unjust world.

"I am the person who is born to live in a skin with a different color from yours. I could not choose my parents, nor you yours.

"Thus the color pigments embedded by the unchangeable hands of nature in your skin are perchance white, while mine are black, or brown, or yellow. But underneath I am just like you.

"My muscles ripple in the same ways of power and thrill to the same throb of joyous action.

"My mind has the same functions as yours.

"I reach out, just as you do, in aspirations of the soul.

"I love and hate, hope and despair, rejoice and suffer along with you.

"When my children lose their fair chances at life and become aware of the bitter road of prejudice they must tread, then I know what my color has cost. I offer you my hand in rebuilding an unjust world, that you and I can make it better than we found it."

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A Call to the Churches

A statement adopted and issued by the

Executive Committee of the General Council

The crisis of our world is due to the widespread loss of faith, the break-up of social orders, and the increasing and confused demands for freedom and justice.

Millions of people in Asia, Africa, and elsewhere live under conditions of hunger, disease, ignorance and oppression. Their situation makes them prey to the pressures and false promises of communism.

Only the democratic nations of the world can provide the technical assistance and the sympathetic understanding of the social reforms which will give them a rising standard of living and enlarged economic, political, and social freedom. Only the Christian churches can provide the motivation for these tasks.

United military resistance to aggression is necessary but it does not solve the basic problems which are religious, economic, and social. Three additional emphases are imperative:

I. The desires of the peoples for renewed faith must be strengthened through such programs of the churches as evangelism, education and rehabilitation. Not alone by hostility to communism, nor by sheer military force can the world be saved from poverty, exploitation and despair but by a vast spiritual movement that will revolutionize the life of individuals and society;

II. The program of the United Nations to assist underdeveloped regions must be expanded and strengthened. Toward this end, the Point Four program of the United States should be greatly increased in size and scope. These programs should be administered to meet the felt needs of the recipient countries and not as a means for foreign economic and political interference;

III. The efforts of oppressed people to secure freedom and justice must be encouraged and helped. People who suffer under systems of industrial and agricultural exploitation desire economic opportunity more than free elections. Often the extension of social justice is a prerequisite for economic improvement and political freedom.

We, therefore, call upon the ministers, members and agencies of the churches of the United States, especially the National Council of Churches, the foreign mission boards and the agencies for social action, to develop programs of education and action:

1. To increase support of missionary programs which meet these critical world needs;

2. To support and strengthen the United Nations' programs for aid to underdeveloped countries;

3. To support and strengthen governmental policies which promote civic honesty, social organization and fundamental justice; and

Finally, we urge the ministers and members of the churches to encourage the discipline and sacrifice needed to attain these goals, to provide the necessary financial support and the personnel to carry out this far-reaching program and to fulfill the tasks which the God of history has laid before us.

FRANK J. SCRIBNER

On January 1st, amendments to the Federal Social Security Law become effective, making it possible for unordained employees of churches and other religious organizations to be covered by Social Security.

Unordained employees of a church may be covered by Social Security if the following conditions are fulfilled: (a) The church must elect coverage and agree to pay the employer's share of the tax; (b) At least two-thirds of the church's lay employees must elect coverage; (c) A covered employee must have received $50 or more in wages during any calendar quarter for which he is covered.

Ordained ministers "in the exercise of their ministry" may not be covered. There is some confusion as to what types of employment constitute service "in the exercise of their ministry." Service as pastor of a church does constitute such service, and pastors, ordained associate pastors, or ordained directors of religious education are excluded.

If a church elects to have its employees covered, only those employees who concur in that choice will be covered. All eligible persons employed by the church subsequently to its entering Social Security will be automatically covered.

At present, 1½ per cent of each covered employee's salary paid by himself, plus a like amount paid by the church employing him, is set as the rate of payment. It is planned to advance these costs over a term of years until in 1970 they reach 3¼ per cent of each covered employee's salary paid by himself and a like amount by his church.

In general the maximum monthly benefit to a fully insured employee is 50 per cent of the first $100 of his average monthly wage, plus 15 per cent of the rest of his average monthly wage up to $300; and, in addition, 50 per cent of this benefit is paid to his wife if she is sixty-five years of age or older. There are also important survivor benefits for the dependents of a deceased "covered" employee. More detailed information can be obtained from the nearest United States Collector of Internal Revenue.

It should be noted that these benefits do not depend upon length of service. An employee who retires after two years of covered employment receives the same benefits in proportion to his average monthly wage as the employee who retires after forty years of covered employment.

To place its employees under Social Security a church must first obtain a certificate from the nearest Collector of Internal Revenue, which it must fill out and file as directed by this Collector. Together with this certificate must go a list of all its eligible employees who have elected coverage, their signatures, their addresses and their Social Security numbers, if any. This list must comprise at least two-thirds of the eligible employees of the church.

If a church contemplates placing its lay employees under Federal Social Security it should be done as promptly as possible. The "average monthly wage" of an employee is so calculated that there will be a definite loss to each covered employee twenty-two years of age or older, for any time that elapses between January 1, 1951, and the time he enters Social Security coverage.

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